

It is difficult to conceive the great courage and presence of mind sometimes found in men so degraded as anti-witchi who fill the office of spies. I had an agent amongst, (ii) Swedo-Eussians, named Chefneux, whom i had always found extremely clever and correct. Having for a long time received no intelligence from him I became very anxious, a anxiety which was not without foundation. He had, in fact, been arrested at Lauenburg, and conducted, bound, tied hand and foot, by some Cossacks to Luneimrg, There was on him a bulletin which he was about to transmit to me, and he only escaped certain death by having in his possession letter of recommendation from a Hamburg merchant known to M. Alopoeus, the Russian Minister in that city. This precaution, which I had taken before he set out, saved his life. M. Alopoeus replied to the merchant that, in runs\* quenee of his recommendation the spy should be sent, bar safe and sound, but that another time neither the recomended nor the recominender should escape so easily. Notwithstanding this, Chefneux would certainly have paid with his head for the dangerous business in which he was, em!»arke< but for the inconceivable coolness he displayed under the most trying circumstances. Though the bulletin which was found upon him was addressed to M. Sehramm, merchant they strongly suspected that it, was intended for we. Tin\*; demanded of the prisoner whether he knew me; to which he boldly replied that he had never seen me. They endeavored by every possible means, to extort, a confession from him, but without success. His repeated denials, joined to the naitu\* of M. Suhramm, created doubts in the minds of his interrogators they hesitated lest they should condemn an

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They, however, resolved to make a last effort to  
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truth, and Chefneux, condemned to be shot, wan  
conducted f\*  
the plain of Luneburg. His eyes were  
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heard the command of preparation ^iven to the  
platoon, wliicl  
was to fire upon him.; at that, moment a man  
approaching hin  
wliispered in his ear, in a tone of friendship and  
compaHsiori  
"They are going to lin\*; but I am your friend ;  
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